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1. TURKISH RADIO (TRT) NEWS SEPT 19 AND SEVERAL TURKISH NEWSPAPERS SEPT 20 CARRIED REPORTS, MOST APPARENTLY BASED ON A UPI STORY OUT OF MOSCOW, THAT: (A) ALGIRDAS AND PRANAS BRAZINSKAS, THE LITHUANIAN HIJACKERS WHO LEFT TURKEY IN JULY (REFTEL AND PREVIOUS), HAD BEEN ARRESTED FOR ILLEGAL ENTRY INTO THE US; AND (B) THE SOVIETS HAVE WARNED THE USG THAT THE GRANTING OF POLITICAL ASYLUM TO THE BRAZINSKASES WOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED A FRIENDLY ACTION. ACCORDING TO THESE STORIES, THE SOVIETS ALSO SAID THAT THE BRAZINSKASES MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SOVIET UNION SO THEY CAN BE PERSECUTED FOR THE 1970 SOVIET AIRLINER HIJACKING DURING WHICH A STEWARDESS WAS KILLED.

2. THE TRT VERSION SAID BOTH BRAZINSKASES HAD MARRIED WHILE IN THE US.

3. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF INTEREST THIS CASE HOLDS FOR
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TURKISH GOVT AND PRESS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING

FURTHER INFO AS BASIS FOR ANSWERING POSSIBLE INQUIRIES.
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